

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A digital broadcast receiver for receiving a digital broadcast containing video data and audio data transmitted in the form of a transport stream is connected through an interface to a digital recording apparatus for recording the received transport stream. The receiver judges information corresponding to the transmission rate of the received transport stream, and transmits a setting command for the recording rate through the interface to the recording/reproducing apparatus on the basis of the information corresponding to the transmission rate. Just before the stream is transmitted from the receiver, the setting command of the recording rate is transmitted to the recording/reproducing apparatus when the channel is switched, when the program is switched or every predetermined period, so that the optimum recording rate is correctly set when the recording is started in the recording/reproducing apparatus.

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